

Whitby Urban District

REPORT

for the

Year 1968

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

B. SCHROEDER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

and of the

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

This year there has been improved progress in two fields.

There has been more progress in house building than for several years past. This, in itself, brings problems ; more water is used and fortunately this year the water treatment works at Ruswarp has been completed, so that the town now enjoys a large extra supply of filtered and chlorinated water. Unfortunately, it also means that the Council ought to consider deficiencies in its sewerage schemes once again. The problem on the West side of the river to which the former Surveyor attracted the Council's attention will certainly not be eased by further building.

I am, Your Obedient Servant,

B. SCHROEDER,

Medical Officer of Health.

The District Health Office,
Grape Lane, Whitby.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY, 1968.

Name.	Qualifications.	Office held.	Whole or part time.	Other Public Offices held.
B. SCHROEDER	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health.	Whole.	Medical Officer of Health, Whitby R.D.C.
H. EATOUGH	Cert. S.I.B.	Chief Public Health Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent.	Whole.	Assistant County Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.
G. A. BOANAS	Cert. S.I.B.	Public Health Inspector	Whole.	
H. BOWDEN	Auth. M.I.	Meat Inspector	Whole.	

STATISTICS AND LOCAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Population—

Registrar-General's Estimate, mid-1968	12,240
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1969	£407,248
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,590

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male	Female	Total
Live-Births—Legitimate	93	99	192
Illegitimate	6	5	11
Totals	99	104	203

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	16.6
Ratio of Local Adjusted Birth Rate to National Rate ...	1.08
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales	16.9

	Male	Female	Total
Still Births—Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	1	0	1
Totals	2	2	4

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	19
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births, —England and Wales	14

Deaths of Infants under one year—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Totals	1	1	2

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births	10
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births, England and Wales	18

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Totals	1	1	2

Deaths of Infants under 1 week old—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Totals	1	1	2

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	93	127	220
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population			18.0
Ratio of Local Adjusted Death Rate to National Rate ...			0.94
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales			11.9

COMMENT ON VITAL STATISTICS.

The statistics for the area are good. When corrected for the age and sex distribution of the population the birth rate is above average (1.08) and the death rate below average (0.94), the National figure being 1.0.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1968—MALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	Age in Years					65—	75 & over	Total All Ages
	1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—			
Infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	1	8
Other Malignant Neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5
Diabetes Mellitus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	11	12	33
Other Forms of Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	8	8	18
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Chirrosis of Liver	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Hyperplasia of Prostrate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
All Other Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Total—All Causes	1	—	—	—	2	6	10	37	37	93

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1968—FEMALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 weeks & under 1 year				Age in Years					75 & over		Total All Ages
	4 weeks	1 year	1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—		
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
Leukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	4
Diabetes Mellitus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Other Endocrine, etc., Diseases	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Anaemias	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Mental Disorders	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	9	20	31
Other Forms of Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	18	20
Cerebrovascular Disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	22	27
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	8
Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	3
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	6
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
All Other Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
Total—All Causes	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	3	7	23	91	127

WATER SUPPLIES.

The Water Engineer, Scarborough Corporation, kindly informed me of the result of his department's water sampling in this district, as follows:—

Bacteriological examinations : 145 satisfactory, 5 unsatisfactory.

In addition to these, I have made frequent tests for free chlorine.

REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER.

The Harbour Master has kindly given the following particulars:—

Vessels Using the Port During 1968.

Yachts and Private Craft	350
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Local Fishing Fleet :

Landings for the year were:—

Shellfish, 7,414 cwts.	£52,354
Whitefish, 36,751 cwt.	£145,844
Total	<u>£198,198</u>

Herring Fleet :

22 vessels used the Port during 1968.

Landings	16
Crans	234
Value	£1,468

Commercial Trade :

EXPORTS—

Limestone	4,500 tons	12 ships
Barley	1,672 tons	3 ships
Chalkstone	1,468 tons	3 ships
Various Commodities	2,125 tons	7 ships
	<u>9,765 tons</u>	<u>25 ships</u>

IMPORTS—

Timber	18,420 tons	29 ships
Paper	27,752 tons	81 ships
Chemicals	8,075 tons	17 ships
Sheet Steel	7,894 tons	16 ships
Refractories	2,686 tons	11 ships
Steel Wire	6,969 tons	10 ships
Boxboard	1,070 tons	7 ships
Rod Iron	3,032 tons	6 ships
Various Commodities	1,867 tons	5 ships
Plywood	453 tons	carried
Chip/Blockboard	401 tons	in Paper
Hardboard	1,275 tons	ships
	79,894 tons	182 ships

Total—207 ships carrying 89,659 tons cargo.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES. (Other than Tuberculosis)

Infectious diseases were notified as follows :—

Measles	40
Pneumonia	5
Whooping Cough	2

TUBERCULOSIS, 1968.

During the year two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified, and no death from this cause was recorded during the year.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY, 1968.

The Organising Secretary of the Mass Radiography Unit has kindly supplied the following information :—

Whitby Area Attendances, 1968.

	Male	Female	Total
Whitby	120	248	368

Referrals.

Five persons were referred to the Chest Physician with the following results :—

Bronchial Carcinoma	1
Inactive Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Pulmonary Fibrosis	1
Chronic Bronchitis	1

HOSPITALS.

The Hospitals in Whitby are administered by the Scarborough, Bridlington, Malton and Whitby Group Hospital Management Committee :—

(1) **WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**

A General Hospital with an Out-patient Department.

(2) **ST. HILDA'S HOSPITAL.**

Specially equipped for the care of the aged sick.

(3) **ESKDALE HOSPITAL.**

A General Hospital with a Maternity Ward.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarborough and Middlesbrough Infectious Diseases Hospitals are available for the admission of cases requiring isolation.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE AREA BY THE NORTH RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL.

Care of Mothers and Young Children.

The Child Welfare Centre and the Ante-Natal Clinic are held at Grape Lane, Whitby, each week, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, respectively.

Sleights I.W.C., at Sleights Institute, is held on the third Monday each month. Though situated in the Rural District area, mothers from the Briggswath area find it a convenient centre to attend.

When required, patients attending these Clinics may be referred to the following special clinics, also held at Grape Lane, Whitby :—

Orthopaedic Clinic.

Artificial Sunlight Clinic.

Dental Clinic.

Child Guidance Clinic.

Speech Therapy Clinic.

Eye Clinic

(held at W. M. Hospital).

Cervical Cytology Screening Service.

This free service is available by appointment for women between the ages of 30 and 65 years, for early detection of cancer of the cervix.

Midwifery.

The Whitby Urban District is served by one domiciliary midwife :—

Gas and Air Analgesia is available to any patient who desires it.

Health Visiting.

There are two Health Visitors for this district, and their first duty is the visiting of homes for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children. It is their duty to visit every home where there is a child below school age, so that the mother may be encouraged to discuss even the most trivial worry with the Health Visitor, who may then re-assure her or get her to seek expert advice.

In addition, they visit and advise expectant or nursing mothers, persons suffering from illness, including tuberculosis, and aged persons.

Home Nursing.

When called for by the family doctor, the District Nurse will attend persons who require nursing in their own homes.

Vaccination and Immunisation.

Vaccinations and immunisations against Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Smallpox and Whooping Cough were done by family doctors, or at the infant welfare centres. In addition, it has been routine practice during the year for Dr. Binns and I to offer boosters to schoolchildren, as follows :—

Poliomyelitis.—On school entry.

Diphtheria.—During second year at school.

Smallpox.—During third year at school.

Ambulance Service.

Two large ambulances and two light ambulances are housed in a garage off Stakesby Road, Whitby.

Escort duties in the ambulance service have been undertaken by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society.

Domestic Help Service.

Helps are provided when necessary, and 82 cases in the Urban District received assistance during 1968.

Payment for the service of a domestic help depends on income and necessary expenses, and varies from a possible full rate of 6/6 an hour to a free service.

Mental Health Services.

The Mental Health Services are administered direct by the County Council. The Mental Welfare Officer for the area operates from The District Welfare Office, Grape Lane, Whitby. Tel. No. Whitby 3635.

Welfare Services.

The office of the District Welfare Officer, who sees to the welfare of old people, is at Grape Lane, Whitby. Tel. No. Whitby 3635.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

An active Voluntary Care Committee serves the needs of the area, its chief functions being to provide extra nourishment, clothing, bedding, medical comforts, nursing equipment, etc., and to do everything possible for the welfare of sick persons.

The Secretary of the Care Committee, Mr. K. Birdsall, has provided the following report :—

“During the year ended 31st December, 1968, the following items of assistance have been given :—

Chiropody Service.

Four chiropodists have participated in the scheme, treatment being offered to the following classes on the recommendation of the family doctor :—

- Men over 65 years old.
- Women over 60 years old.
- Physically handicapped persons.
- Persons with mental illness.
- Expectant mothers.

A total of 3,365 treatments were given, compared with 3,853 in the previous year. The treatments were effected as follows :—

At Chiropodists' surgeries	2410	(2473)
At Clinic Sessions—Whitby	633	(562)
At Patients' homes	322	(314)

Meals Service.

The “ Meals on Wheels ” service distributed meals during the year. This is a service most capably organised and staffed by the Women’s Royal Voluntary Services, and financed mainly by the Care Committee.

In conjunction with such County services as home nursing, home helps, health visiting, etc., and a variety of voluntary services which have been brought together during the year, the Meals service enables many elderly people to remain at home who would otherwise need admission to a hospital or old persons’ home.

Equipment Loaned Out.

Air rings, Sorbo cushions, etc.	15
Feeding cups	4
Bed cradles	3
Bed rests	11
Bedpans and urinals	45
Dunlopillo mattresses	3
Lifting chains	2
Rubber sheets	20
Wheelchairs	17
Commodes	5
Crutches	1
Walking aids	2
Bed blocks	1

National Society for Cancer Relief.

Grants have been paid in four cases during the year.

Miscellaneous.

Two patients received extra nourishment, consisting of seven jars of Bovril and twenty-four packets Complan.

Travelling expenses paid to relatives of a patient in Bridlington Convalescent Home on one occasion.

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The Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
St. Hilda's Terrace,
Whitby.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Mesdames and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I present an Annual Report for 1968.

Probably the two most outstanding features of the year are the progress made in new house building and the completion of the Esk Water Treatment Works though I am unable to be completely satisfied with the latter project until all forms of possible pollution of the intake water are abolished by the completion of the Briggswath/Ruswarp Sewerage Scheme.

Progress has also been made in the provision of a new Refuse Disposal Works by the appointment of Consultants to advise on Feasability. It is to be regretted that I was taken ill immediately this step was taken which delayed the production of the Consultants Report.

Again it is with the greatest pleasure that I thank all members of the Council and staff, particularly my own Departmental staff, who all have been of tremendous help to me during what proved finally to be a most difficult year.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient servant,

H. EATOUGH,

Public Health Inspector.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply and distribution of water is undertaken by Scarborough Corporation and administered by a Committee of members drawn from each Local Authority served.

There are no private supplies of water.

No reports of failings in either quantity or quality have been received. Some complaints of taste were received but have been dealt with by the Undertakers.

Local supplies are principally by way of a Storage Reservoir at Randymere and through service reservoirs at Castle Park, though it is understood some supplementary supplies mainly to the East of the town have been taken direct from the Esk Treatment Works.

The extremely fine and efficient Esk Treatment Works is now in full operation and water is being extracted from the River Esk. What was said in last year's report must again be re-iterated, that it is to be regretted that this water extraction is taking place before the Ruswarp Sewage Scheme is commenced.

All premises in the Area have an internal piped water supply.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

No major works of sewerage have been undertaken during the year though extensive Housing Development at Low Stakesby has commenced with resultant extensions of sewers and drains.

It would be good to report progress on sewerage schemes shown to be necessary in the Engineer and Surveyors Report of 1963 but apart from the Church Street scheme which was completed in 1964 no further works are projected.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Under this heading re-iteration of what was said in 1967 must again take place. When the Briggswath/Ruswarp Sewerage Scheme is completed there will be no pollution of non-tidal waters or the upper reaches of tidal waters of the river Esk and when action is completed on the 1963 Report on Sewers there should be no pollution, whatever.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the Area.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

At the end of the year 205 premises were on the Register which received 63 visits. This latter figure can be misleading as many premises also receive visits of inspection for other purposes and observation under the Shops Offices and Railway Premises Act take place at the same time which are not recorded.

In 7 instances unsatisfactory conditions were found and all were remedied informally.

One accident was investigated.

CAMPING SITES.

There are four Sites in the Area catering for 132 Caravans. On one Site there are ten stations for touring caravans.

The Sites are generally well maintained and in a reasonable condition, but there is a tendency to overcrowd during the height of the Holiday season.

The Councils appeal against a Planning refusal to open a Caravan Site was lost and it is to be expected that further pressure will be put on the Department due to lack of Sites in the Area.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are no Offensive Trades registered in the Area.

SWIMMING POOLS.

The facilities as reported in 1960 are still unchanged and only very slow progress is being made in the provision of an indoor pool.

Regular visits to the Pool show that every endeavour is made to keep up to standard under what must be great difficulty on occasions.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

There is adequate provision of the facility throughout the town. A mobile convenience was placed at Upgang and fulfilled a need in this Area.

The senseless acts of vandalism this type of premises is subject to is amazing.

FACTORIES.

Apart from four premises all factories employ relatively few people and most of these small premises are either attached to shops or are food premises therefore come in for close scrutiny. No major defects were encountered during the year.

CLEAN AIR.

Industrial smoke causes little if any problem at all and prevailing winds from the sea quickly dissipate domestic smoke to the surrounding moorland countryside.

The increasing use of central heating, various forms of non-solid fuel heating and approved fire appliances are making their mark in this work.

NUISANCES.

172 complaints of nuisance were investigated resulting in the discovery of 162 nuisances. All were dealt with informally.

VERMIN INFESTATION.

This type of complaint is fast disappearing due mainly to the higher standards of living now demanded, plus the availability of simple to use, pressure packs of very efficient insecticides.

RODENT CONTROL.

No major infestations by either rats or mice were reported or found during the year.

Again higher standards of living and intolerance to rodents cause quick complaints and efficient action, whereby the rodent population is kept well in hand.

The annual treatment of the Harbour together with the annual test baiting of Public Sewers make a great contribution in rodent control.

HOUSING.

57 Council and 9 Private houses were completed during the year and the development of an estate of 70 Council and a good number of Private houses on the Stakesby Estate will be very helpful in providing satisfactory housing units to overcome shortage. It gives great pleasure to report these facts after so many years of adverse reporting.

20 Discretionary Grants to 5 tenanted and 15 owner/occupied houses have been made as well as 4 Standard Grants involving £5,667 Grant Aid.

A total of 207 Discretionary and 16 Standard Grants have been made to the end of 1968 involving £54,286 9s. 0d. Grant Aid.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

A steady increase in bulk of Household Refuse is being maintained putting vehicle and plant capacity to some strain during high season. There is no doubt increased carrying capacity of vehicles will need consideration in the near future and it is known that the Plant capacity is well below requirements.

Some progress has been made with this latter problem in that a firm of Consultants has been engaged to carry out a Feasability Study and make recommendations on the type of Disposal Plant most suitable for our needs. It is hoped that when the Report is presented and accepted the next stage of Performance and Design can be proceeded with and so enable tenders to be called for.

A total 4318 loads of refuse was dealt with by the Plant. 2949 loads brought in by our own vehicles, 252 brought in privately and 387 brought in by local trades people. In addition 730 loads of paper and cardboard were collected separately for delivery to the presses.

The separate collection of bulky articles free of charge works satisfactorily and 134 calls were made on this service.

SALVAGE.

Material.	Weight.			Value.		
	T.	C.	Qr.	£	s.	d.
Screenings	168	0	0	33	7	9
Cinders	39	0	0	39	2	6
Clinkers	206	0	0	51	2	3
Paper	173	0	2	1218	3	6
Baled Tins	97	16	0	458	8	1
N.F. Metals		12	3.0½ st.	13	5	6
Scrap Metal	13	16	0	14	18	0
Bones		11	3.1½ st.	3	9	4
Textiles		3	1.1 st.	7	9	4
Bottles and Jars ...	98½	doz.		4	11	0
Miscellaneous					10	0
				£1,844 7 3		

MEAT INSPECTION.

An increase of 6,514 animals slaughtered and inspected is recorded, making a total throughput of 46,078 animals during 1968. The new extensions to the Abattoir were completed by the end of the year and with this improvement and extension a further increase in throughput is to be expected in 1969. During the past decade an increase of 25,365 animals is recorded.

All animals are inspected and a full time Authorised Meat Inspector is employed for this purpose. In order to accomplish this, considerable overtime is necessary and during 1968 this amounted to 778½ hours. Even at this rate the Inspector is not present at all hours when slaughtering takes place, which is considered necessary to achieve 100 per cent. inspection.

Income from Meat Inspection charges amounted to £1,981 8s. 0d.

20 tons 13 cwts. 9 lbs. of meat were rejected as unfit for human consumption, 9 cwt. 49 lbs. of which were tubercular.

“Casualties” tend to distort the amount of meat rejected.

The Veterinary Laboratory at Thirsk has again proved helpful in identifying Tuberculosis and all cases found in bovine animals are notified to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Veterinary Service at Northallerton.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. Killed	3976	1315	301	16759	23727
No. Inspected	3976	1315	301	16759	23727
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :					
Whole Carcases Condemned	4	13	1	23	41
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	598	261	20	419	2560
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis	15.140	20.834	6.976	2.637	10.962
Tuberculosis Only :					
Whole carcasses con- demned	2	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	83
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuber- culosis	.05	—	—	—	.349
Cysticerci :					
Whole carcasses con- demned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

OTHER FOODS.

The steady increase in pre-packed, frozen and prepared food is again noted as is the increasing number of self service shops handling this type of commodity. Proper stock rotation and loading of deep freeze cabinets is essential to ensure soundness of these goods when sold and strict vigilance is necessary to achieve this end. Lack of knowledge of these elementary procedures could cause untold damage.

Wide publicity on matters of Hygiene is producing a more discerning shopper and it is at this point that more good can be achieved rather than by an army of Inspectors.

There were no complaints of foreign bodies found in food.

During the year the following articles were surrendered as unfit for human food and disposed of :

16 lbs. Cooked Meat.

5 cwt. 80 lbs. Fruit and Vegetables.

41 cans Canned Meats.

515 cans Other Canned Foods.

1448 packets Other Foods (Frozen).

